## STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; World Milk Day was established in 2001 by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to bring global attention to activities connected to the dairy industry; and

WHEREAS; known as "America's Dairyland," Wisconsin is recognized both nationally and globally for its achievements in dairy production, processing, research, and technology; and

WHEREAS; in 2022 alone, the state's hardworking and dedicated dairy farmers produced a record nearly 32 billion pounds of milk—accounting for more than 14 percent of all milk produced in the United States—and the dairy industry contributes more than \$45 billion to the state's economy annually; and

WHEREAS; while farmers work tirelessly to put food on families' tables and keep the shelves at grocery stores stocked, their industry and livelihoods continue to face difficult challenges, especially over the course of the last few years; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin has been proud to invest in the well-being and success of farmers and the dairy industry as a whole, including through supporting research to expand the industry, additional resources for dairy processors, and efforts to bolster dairy exports, ensuring Wisconsin continues to be well-positioned for future opportunities and to be a global leader in the dairy sector for generations to come; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's dairy industry is the state's past and present, and it will be a central part of Wisconsin's future, too; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the efforts of dairy farmers across the state and commends the outstanding contributions of the dairy industry to the state, country, and the global community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2023, as

## WORLD MILK DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 31st day of May 2023

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI Secretary of State